

MERRIAM PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

1831 Marshall Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104

At a Glance: 2006

Built-Remodeled	1993
Square Ft	16,923
Hours/week*	51.5
Days/open/week	Six
Materials Budget	\$141,101
Collection Size	80,042
Books:	
Adult	39,006
Juvenile	30,403
Total Circulation	456,539
Adult	286,122 (63%)
Juvenile	170,417 (37%)
Circulation/FTE	39,699
Total Information	40,612
Information/Ref FTE	8,288
In-House Materials Use	89,882
FTEs Public Service*	11.5
Gate Count	241,327

Computer Workstations (Public) 21; Internet workstations: 11; Word processors: 1; Catalog workstations: 8; Children's workstations: 1

Lounge chairs: 12; Study tables: 10 with 32 chairs; Study carrels: 5; Study rooms: 4 with 8 chairs

*Information on hours and staff reflect system-wide changes implemented in November 2006

SERVICE PROFILE:

The Merriam Park Branch lies in a middle-class neighborhood that is centrally located for the entire metropolitan area. Our core population is approximately 30,000 but we draw from a much larger user base because of our location on Marshall Avenue, a main connecting street between Minneapolis and St. Paul. This central location has caused our facilities and resources to be heavily used by customers and organizations throughout the Twin Cities.

Our collection is approximately 84,500 items and has doubled in size since the new, larger building was opened in April 1993. We are the second busiest branch in the system and circulation continues to increase. The addition of computer terminals and DVDs, as well as the expansion of hours in recent years, has increased our ability to serve a diverse population of customers.

The branch collection is designed to meet the needs of the general population, with a special emphasis on the informational needs of K-12 students. The branch is surrounded by a number

of colleges and universities, including Hamline, St. Thomas, Concordia, Macalester, and St. Catherines. This, combined with the general high level of education and reading levels for the neighborhood, contributes to an annual circulation per item that is the highest in the library system.

The branch is located across the street from Charles Thompson Hall, the metro area deaf social club. This coincidence has led us to work with deaf organizations in outreach to the deaf and hard of hearing community. We are one of the few libraries in the nation to do so. The results of this outreach include a special DEAF/Hard-of-Hearing collection, a TTY, storytimes with a deaf storyteller, and ASL interpreters for Summer Reading Programs.